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In re application of

Magalie GENET et al. Conf. 7425

Application No.10/500,162 Group 3737

Filed June 25, 2004 Examiner John Ramirez

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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September 11, 2006

Sir:

Withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181 is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Recently, the undersigned received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office a Notice of Abandonment dated July 21, 2006 in the above-identified application. The Notice indicated that the application had been abandoned in view of applicants' failure to respond to the Office letter mailed January 10, 2006.

The Examiner was contacted and informed that a postcard receipt had been received confirming that a timely response was filed on July 10, 2006. The Examiner was also informed that the Patent Application Information Retrieval (P.A.I.R.) showed that the Amendment had been entered. However, the Examiner stated

that he could not see from his computer system that an Amendment had been filed.

Section 503 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure clearly states that a postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the papers which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

A careful review of the accompanying postcard receipt (Exhibit A), which contains all the necessary identifying data, reveals that on July 10, 2006, applicants timely filed an amendment in response to the Official Action of January 10, 2006, along with a petition for extension of time for three months, and authorization to debit Account No. 25-0120 for the extension fee.

Since the postcard receipt bears the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailroom stamp of July 10, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the application be forwarded to the Examiner for prompt consideration of applicants' response which was timely filed on July 10, 2006.

The complete response along with the extension of time which was previously filed on July 10, 2006 and which was apparently misplaced by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is available on Patent Application Information Retrieval

(P.A.I.R.). A copy of the information shown in P.A.I.R. accompanies this petition (Exhibit B).

Should the Examiner not be able to locate the Amendment filed July 10, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned for a copy of the Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for three months.

AMENDMENT in response to O.A. of January 10, 2006.

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Due date: July 10, 2006 (3rd extension)

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